

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, October 14, 2003 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 700, Law and Justice Center, 104 West Front Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman Sweeney, Members Bass, Sorensen, Segobiano, Gordon, Bostic and Hoselton

Members Absent: Members Renner and Berglund

Other Members Present: Member Rackauskas

Staff Present: Mr. John Zeunik, County Administrator, Mr. Terry Lindberg, Assistant County Administrator; Ms. Christine Northcutt, County Administrator's Assistant

Department Heads/
Elected Officials Present: Mr. Craig Nelson, Director, Information Services

Others Present: None

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Chairman Sweeney presented the minutes of the September 9, 2003 Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Gordon/Bostic to approve and place on file the minutes of the September 9, 2003 meeting. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney presented one appointment and resignation for which the Committee's advice and consent is sought.

Motion by Bass/Bostic to recommend approval of the appointment and resignation as recommended by the Chairman. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney informed the Committee that the next item is the introduction of candidates seeking appointment to the County Board Seat, District #9. There is only one applicant for the appointment. It is from Mr. James Kalapp. Unfortunately, Mr. Kalapp is unable to attend tonight's meeting due to the fact that his father, who lives in Florida, has taken ill. Mr. Kalapp will be appointed to the County Board Seat, District #9 at the County Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 2003.

The next item on the agenda is a request for approval to declare the Easter Seal UPC official Christmas ornament for the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County.

Motion by Hoselton/Bass to recommend approval to declare the Easter Seal UPC official Christmas ornament for the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney noted that just before the meeting, Mr. Zeunik passed out a letter that was received from Ms. Colleen Reynolds, WJBC Radio News Director. It is a request to use audio sound system equipment at all standing Committee meetings. This is a Rules Committee recommendation request falls under the oversight of the Rules Committee. Therefore, unless there is objection from the Executive Committee members, this issue will be forwarded on referred to that the Rules Committee for review. a recommendation. The Rules Committee will then forward their recommendation to the Executive Committee.

Chairman Sweeney moved on to the Committee reports.

Mr. Duffy Bass, Chairman of the Transportation Committee, stated that the Transportation Committee brings no items for action at this time.

Mr. Matt Sorensen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that there are five items for action. Mr. Sorensen noted that the first two items are amendments in the Health Department and will be grouped together. The amendments to the McLean County Revised Code, Chapter 26, Food Service, and Chapter 28, Health and Sanitation provide for the annual 3% fee increases, which have been included as part of the Fiscal Year 2004 Recommended Budget.

Motion by Sorensen/Bostic to recommend approval of the proposed amendments to the McLean County Revised Code, Chapter 26, Food Service and Chapter 28, Health and Sanitation. Motion carried.

The next item is a request for approval of an amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Public Aid and the McLean County Nursing Home. This is an amendment to the Agreement the Board approved approximately three months ago, which adjusted the way that the County is paid by the State for Medicaid reimbursements.

Motion by Sorensen/Bostic to recommend approval of amendment to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Illinois Department of Public Aid and McLean County.

Motion carried.

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Mr. Sorensen stated that the next item is a request for approval of a proposed property tax settlement offered by AMF Bowling Centers as a result of their Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Motion by Sorensen/Bass to request approval of a proposed tax settlement offered by AMF Bowling Centers, Inc. as a result of Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the County has ever experienced an offer of this kind in the past. Chairman Sweeney asked if Mr. Eric Ruud, First Assistant State's Attorney was available to answer the Committee's questions. Mr. Zeunik informed him that Mr. Ruud is out of the office. Chairman Sweeney noted that he has some questions on this proposed settlement as well. Mr. Sorensen informed the Committee that this issue is not time sensitive. This agreement will go before all affected taxing bodies for approval. Chairman Sweeney suggested that this issue could be referred back to the Executive Committee for further discussion next month. At that time, a member of the State's Attorney's Office could be available to answer the Committee's questions.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION:

Motion by Segobiano/Hoselton to table this issue to the Executive Committee for discussion at the November meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. Sorensen stated that the next item is a request for approval of a proposed Intergovernmental Settlement Agreement in the Township Litigation case.

Motion by Sorensen/Gordon to recommend approval of a Proposed Intergovernmental Settlement Agreement in the Township Litigation case.

Mr. Hoselton asked if the County is involved in this litigation. Mr. Zeunik replied that the County has been involved in litigation since 1995 or 1996. The County is not a party in the dispute between the City of Bloomington Township and the rural townships. The County has been brought in because of the role that the Supervisor of Assessment's Office plays in coding all of the properties to the correct taxing districts for purposes of extending and billing property taxes.

Ms. Bostic asked if they have decided who will be assessing the areas in question for 2003. Mr. Zeunik replied that there is an agreement being negotiated between the City of Bloomington Township Assessor and a number of the rural townships as to who will assess the disputed properties. Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any additional questions. Hearing none, he called for the vote on the motion.

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Motion carried.
Member Hoselton voted "no".

Mr. Bette Rackauskas, Member of the Justice Committee, stated that the Justice Committee brings three items for action. The first item is a request for approval of an Interagency Agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Implementation of Services to Victims of Child Abuse Program.

Motion by Rackauskas/Bass to recommend approval of an Interagency Agreement with the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for the Implementation of Services to Victims of Child Abuse Program. Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas stated that the next item is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County FY 2003 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Metro McLean County Centralized Communications Center Fund 0452, MetCom Department 0030.

Motion by Rackauskas/Bostic to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County FY 2003 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance Metro McLean County Centralized Communications Center Fund 0452, MetCom Department 0030. Motion carried.

Ms. Rackauskas noted that the last item is a request for approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the FY 2003 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, ESDA Department 0047.

Motion by Rackauskas/Sorensen to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the FY 2003 Combined Annual Appropriation and Budget Ordinance, General Fund 0001, ESDA Department 0047. Motion carried.

There were no other items for Committee action. There were no questions for Ms. Rackauskas.

Mr. George Gordon, Chairman of the Land Use and Development Committee, stated that the Land Use and Development Committee brings no items for action.

Ms. Diane Bostic, Chairman of the Property Committee, stated that the Property Committee brings no items for action.

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Chairman Sweeney stated that the next item is the report of the County Administrator.

Mr. Zeunik stated that there are two items for action. They are the Fiscal Year 2004 Recommended Budget for the County Administrator's Office and for the Information Services Department.

The recommend budget for the County Administrator's Office is \$415,178.00 which is an increase of 5.98% over Fiscal Year 2003 Adopted Budget. There is no change in the staffing level in 2004. As in all departments, there is an increase in the health insurance expenses. The most significant increase in expense is in the line item for Auditing and Accounting. That line item increases from \$65,135.00 in FY 2003 to \$78,750.00 in FY 2004. That is largely driven by additional audit consulting services which are anticipated as the FY 2003 Audit is required to meet the GASB 34 Standard. In addition to the audit fee, which has previously been approved in the contract with Clifton Gunderson for \$58,250.00, there is additional consulting services allocated up to \$15,100.00 for compliance with GASB 34. There were no questions for Mr. Zeunik.

Motion by Sorensen/Rackauskas to tentatively approve the County Administrator's Office FY 2004 budget as submitted. Motion carried.

Mr. Zeunik stated that the second budget is for the Information Services Department. Mr. Craig Nelson is in attendance for any questions that the Committee may have. The Recommended Budget for FY 2004 is \$1,971,000.00 which represents a 1.6% increase over the FY 2003 Adopted Budget. There are slight changes in revenue. The reimbursement for computer services includes the typical reimbursement received from the Special Revenue funds outside the General Fund. There is also potential for reimbursement from Tazewell County for IJIS related support services, pursuant to the Intergovernmental Agreement previously approved. The transfer into Information Services covers expenses associated with maintenance of the IJIS System through the Circuit Clerk. In terms of personnel changes, in fiscal year 2003, one full time equivalent Computer Operator position was deleted. In place of that position a half time data security specialist was budgeted. The FY 2004 Recommended Budget simply annualizes that position for the balance of the year. The contract services line has a typo. The line item has actually decreased from \$645,000.00 to \$630,000.00. Mr. Zeunik noted that he would call the Committee's attention to the purchase of computer software line item. As previously discussed, we have allocated dollars for the purchase of a property tax administration system. The Request For Proposal is currently out on the street. Proposals are expected yet this month. A meeting with all property tax users in November to review the proposals and, hopefully, bring a recommendation back to the Executive Committee pending the outcome of this year's review of the FY 2004 Budget. Mr. Zeunik invited Mr.

Nelson to make any comments. Mr. Nelson stated that Mr. Zeunik was very thorough. He did note that the biggest challenge next year will be equipping the Government Center.

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Motion by Gordon/Bostic to tentatively approve the Information Services Department's FY 2004 budget as submitted. Motion carried.

Chairman Sweeney asked if there were any other business or communications. Mr. Segobiano apologized for being late as he just returned from Springfield. He asked if the Committee would go back and review Item 5A1(c), which is the declaration of the Easter Seal UPC official Christmas ornament for the City of Bloomington, Town of Normal and McLean County. Mr. Segobiano stated that this Christmas ornament is part of a large fund raiser for the Easter Seals. He noted that if McLean County declares this ornament the "official ornament" for the County, it excludes any other agencies from doing the same type of fund raiser. Mr. Segobiano noted that the SPICE Program at the MARC Center provides 87% of all children's early intervention programs in McLean County. There is an effort being made there to start a holiday fundraiser of this type.

Chairman Sweeney noted that this is something that the County has always done. This may be a question that needs to be answered by the State's Attorney's Office. Chairman Sweeney stated that this will be referred to the Civil Assistant State's Attorney.

Chairman Sweeney presented the bills as recommended and transmitted by the County Auditor for payment. The fund total for this month is \$369,709.55.

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Motion by Gordon/Bostic to recommend approval of the
Bills as of September 30, 2003 as presented by the County
Auditor. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was
adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Northcutt
Recording Secretary

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